Raiderettes win 2 more

The Appomattox varsity basketball Raiderettes extended their record to eight wins against three losses last week with victories over Gretna and William Campbell.

Hot-handed Ruby Smith scored a career-high 35 points in Tuesday's contest against Gretna, a game described by Coach Mary Tolley as a "beautiful team defensive effort."

The Raiderettes, who have not defeated Gretna since the 1977 tournament, overcame an 18-15 halftime Gretna advantage to storm back for 36 points in the second half, while holding Gretna to only 12 points.

The local girls opened an early lead, and at the end of the first period were ahead 10-8. In the second quarter, however, the Gretna Hens outscored the Raiderettes two to one, garnering ten points to the local girls' five.

But the second half was a different story. The Raiderettes' defense stiffened in the third quarter, allowing only three points (all on foul shots) while scoring 17 of their own, including 13 by Smith. Smith added another 14 in the final quarter, when the Raiderettes ran up 19 points to the Hens' nine, to ice the 51-30 victory for the Appomattox team.

Coach Tolley, who played all 12 of her Raiderettes, commended the performances of Susan Handy (six rebounds, one steal, one blocked shot, three assists and three points), Rhonda Jaggars (14 rebounds, two steals and one blocked shot, four points), Robin Martin (four rebounds, two steals, one assist and six points), Lolita Preston, who saw action only in the first half (one steal, two assists and two points), Karen Johnson (two rebounds and one assist), and, of course, Ruby Smith (five rebounds, four steals, two assists and 35 points).

The Raiderettes hit on seven of 20 freethrow attempts for a 35 percent foul shot average, while Gretna hit four of 16 freethrows for a 25 percent average.

Smith again excelled in Friday night's game against William Campbell, which the Raiderettes won 47-40.

Smith led all scorers with 21 points for the night, followed by Raiderettes Handy and Jaggars (nine points each), and Robin Martin and Karen Johnson, each with four points.

The local team opened an early lead, outdistancing William Campbell 16-6 in the first period of play. In the second quarter, William Campbell did better, scoring 10 points to the Raiderettes' 11, but the local team carried a 27-16 advantage into the locker room as the first half ended.

The third quarter was identical to the second in scoring, with Appomattox runing up 11 points to William Campbell's ten. In the final period of play, William Campbell outscored Appomattox 14-9, but the margin was not great enough to take the win from the Raiderettes.

The Raiderettes collected 43 rebounds, including 16 by Jaggars, 11 by Handy and eight by Smith, during the game against William Campbell.

In addition, the local girls hit on nine of 18 freethrow attempts for a 50 percent average from the foul line.

The local girls were scheduled to play Jefferson Forest Tuesday at home after the **Times-Virginian** deadline. Friday night's game is against Nelson County away. Next Tuesday evening, the girls will face off against Altavista at home. Game time for all contests is 6:30 p.m.

Be careful jumping your car

Jump-starting a dead car battery can be dangerous, said Glen H. Hetzel, Extension specialist in safety at Virginia Tech.

"Thousands of battery explosions happen every year," said Hetzel, "and almost two-thirds of the accidents result in eye injuries."

To prevent such potentially blinding explosions, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences faculty member recommended following these safety tips from the National Society to Prevent Blindness:

--Before attaching the cables, put out cigarettes, matches and lighters. A spark can ignite hydrogen gas from the battery fuild.

--Don't let the cars tough each other. Put on the parking brakes. Set automatic shifts to park and leave manual transmissions in neutral. Turn off the ignition.

--If fluid in the dead battery is low, add water. Check for ice in the fluid; never try to jump start a frozen battery.

--Jump-start only if both batteries are of the same voltage. American cars have either 12 or 6 volt batteries. Owners of foreign cars should check their operating manuals for emergency starting directions.

--To attach the cables, connect one jumper cable clamp to the positive pole of the dead battery and the other end of the same to the positive pole of the booster battery.

--Connect the second cable to the negative pole of the booster battery. Then clamp the other end of the cable to the engine block of the car with the dead battery--as far away from the battery as possible. Don't let the clamps touch; they can create a spark.

--First start the car with the good battery, and then the disable car.

--Remove the cable attached to the engine block and the booster car's negative terminal. Finally, disconnect the positive cable from both batteries.

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Sports

Varsity basketball

It was a frustrating week

It was one of those weeks for the Appomattox varsity Raider basketball team.

The Raiders lost to Gretna 47-39 Tuesday night and again to William Campbell 51-43 on Friday. But in both contests, the outcome was decided with less than two minutes to play.

"In the last three games, we've lost in the last two or three minutes of the game; either we've gotten excited, or tried too hard--gotten away from the things we've been doing successfully earlier in the games," says Coach Coty Dickerson.

In Tuesday's game against Gretna, the Raiders trailed by four as the first quarter ended, 12-8. In the second quarter, both teams scored ten points, and the hawks led 22-18 as the first half ended.

In the third quarter, Gretna stretched their lead to six points, 34-28, and the Raiders began to chip away at that lead in the final period of play. But with time running out, the local team succumbed to pressure, and the score as the buzzer sounded ending the game was 47-39.

Marvin Johnson and Shane Abernathy both scored ten points in the Gretna game for the Raiders, followed by Kevin Ferguson with eight, Jeff Miller with seven, and Rick Caldwell with four.

Jerry Davis scored 15 for Gretna, and the Hawks' Vincent Glass had 14 points for the night.

Appomattox scored on 16 field goals and went seven for 15 from the foul line, while Gretna scored 19 field goals and sent nine for 13 from the freethrow line.

The Raiders again faltered in the waning moments of Friday's game against William Campbell, and walked away from the gym with a 51-43 loss.

The Raiders trailed by one at the end of the first quarter of play, and were two points behind as the first half ended.

In the third quarter, however, the local team gained a two-point advantage, leadingm 33-31 as the period ended.

But a strong press by William Campbell again foiled the local team's victory bid, and the game ended with William Campbell ahead, 51-43.

Miller took top scoring honors for the Raiders with 11 points, followed by Ferguson with eight, Abernathy with seven, Marvin Johnson with six, Rich Caldwell with four, Ron Carter with three, John Simmons with two and Jonathan Pickett, also with two points.

The Raiders hit 15 field goals and went 13 for 21 from the foul line, William Campbell hit on 20 field goals and went 14 for 21 at the foul line.

"The kids have played some very good basketball at times," Dickerson said about his team. "But the mistakes they have made have come back to haunt them.

Dickerson said his team is still "trying to force things, rather than relaxing and playing basketball." He points to the problems the Raiders have had containing their opponents in the final moments of recent games as examples of the "pressure problems."

The Raiders were scheduled to face off against Jefferson Forest Tuesday, after **The Times-Virginian** deadline. Friday night the team will travel to Nelson County, and next Tuesday the Raiders will play Altavista at home.

Game time for all contests is 8 p.m.

Lisa Doss assigned

Pvt. Lisa D. Doss has been assigned to the 78th Maintenance Co., Boblingen, Germany after completing an airconditioning and refrigeration course at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

Pvt. Doss is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and a former employee of Armstrong Furniture. She is the daughter of the late William A. (Bud) Doss and Mrs. Gladys D. Gallier of Route 3, Appomattox.

Elementary PTA to meet

The Appomattox Elementary School P.T.A. will meet on Tuesday, February 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Following a brief business meeting, Mrs. Jean Hesson, General supervisor, will share a slide presentation on Specikal Education and Mr. Lloyd G. Walton, Appomatox County Schools Superintendent, will discuss the budgeting process for the 1981-82 school year.

Kenny Hancock

Local man a 'kicker'

Karate kick-boxer, Kenny Hancock, 24-year-old graduate of Appomattox County High has become one of the rising stars in America's newest and most exciting contact sport.

Full-contact karate, enjoyed by fans across the country, is a sport that demands the skills of the most gifted athletes. Workouts consist of miles of running, torturous hours of kicking and punching, plenty of rest and a high protein, low carbohydrate diet consumed in the manner of a dedicated athlete.

Kenny, dubbed the Virginia State Welter-Weight Champion, also the Number 1 Contender in U.S., has a record of 98 wins against 21 losses. He has been training in the mystical art of karate for the past 10 years.

Kenny's next fight will be held in Washington, D.C. at the Jhoan Rhee Sports Arena. He will be battling with Mike Brennan, a highly respected welter weight contender on January 31. This match will be televised on the ESPN Sports Channel.

Kenny is currently training in Lynchburg with top middleweight, Jimmy Horsley.

Stutts elected president

Joseph H. Stutts, Franklin, has been elected president of the Virginia Agribusiness Council. Other officers elected for 1981 are Robert E. Comerford, Jr., Blackstone, vice president; Millard B. Rice, Jr., Phenix, secretary, and Taylor Gore, Culpeper, treasurer.

Stutts is manager of community relations for Union Camp Corporation. He has previously served as treasurer, secretary and vice president of the council and as state membership and banquet ticket chairman.

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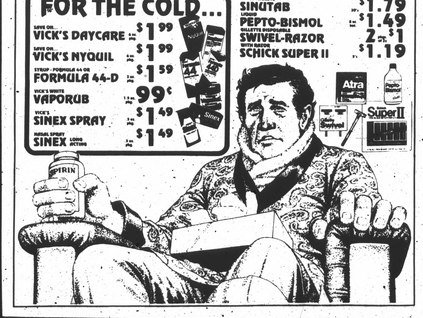

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